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Dear Secretaries;

I wish to thank you both, and your Records Department, for your most excellent and kind help in the connection of my quest for information regarding the Docket #2004-002, Case #M/053/004, Teck Cominco American, Apex Mine, Washington County, Utah, which is scheduled to be presented before your Board on January 28, 2004, at \pm 10:00 a.m.

In the connection of this overall matter and being, perhaps, an element for your Board's information and/or consideration is that in the year 2001, at my instigation, the Utah Attorney General's Office investigated the then, as now, foreign ownership and control of the Apex Mine Properties.

Following this, the Attorney General's Office did conduct their own investigation into this ownership, etc., matter and did find and conclude that antitrust and additional legal matters were here involved.

In this connection, Mr. Lt. L. Mortensen of the Attorney General's Office telephoned me on September 11, 2001, to gain my permission to forward their findings and recommendations to the U. S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, in San Francisco, and which permission I granted.

Mr. Wyne Klein of the Attorney General's Office conducted the majority of the investigation in this matter and it was his letter of findings and recommendations that were placed with the U. S. Antitrust Division, with my being denied a copy of such due to Official confidentiality considerations by and between the offices.

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Following this, upon my demands, Mr. Mortensen did relent and did provide me with his letter of confirmation as to the Wyne Klein letter of findings/recommendations. A copy of Mr. Mortensen's letter to me is herewith for your information and confirmation purposes.

Further, the letter of Mr. Klein's, as heretofore referred to, is available to/for your Mr. Steven Schwindiman of the Utah Attorney General's Office from Mr. Wyne Klein of the same offices, and may be so available to/for your "in-house" attorney, Mr. Steven Adler, with this such letter being of perhaps a continuing confidential nature.

Much more such connected legal, and other, information as to this heretofore overall matter can be made available, as the need/desire may come to be, in that I was the discoverer of the gallium and germanium of the Apex Mine, and its District, in the late 1950s, and have been credited with having "given birth" to the first operations of the Apex Mine in \pm 1983, and have since been fully connected and informed as to all such operations of the Apex Mine and its District (Tutsagubet).

The Apex Mine is recognized by the U.S.G.S., U.S.B.O.M., and industry, as being the only world-class, and highest grade, mine capable of the primary production of gallium and germanium in production quantities and being overly capable of providing for the needs of the U.S., Utah, and beyond, and which such needs are addressed in the U.S. Critical and Strategic Stockpile Act codes.

This Apex Project has been plagued by metallurgical recovery problems in the past, which were its "Achilles Heel;" however, breakthrough metallurgy of two types have been developed which have the distinct/clear promise of solving this metallurgical recovery problem, and which such are at hand.

I have been told, by my peers and others, that I am recognized as being the most knowledgeable and experienced person as to the Apex Mine and its District, and with gallium and germanium, in general.

Sincerely,


Gaylon W. Hansen

Attachments